



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6389

House of Representatives, March 19, 2015

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY RAPID REHOUSING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study the feasibility of implementing a state rapid rehousing
- 3 program for veterans modeled on the federal Homelessness
- 4 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. The task force shall
- 5 examine: (1) The provision of financial assistance and services to
- 6 prevent veterans and their families from becoming homeless and to
- 7 help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly rehoused
- 8 and stabilized; (2) funding for such program; (3) the use of such funds
- 9 to target veterans and their families who would be homeless but for
- 10 such assistance; and (4) the use of such funds to provide for a variety
- 11 of assistance, including, but not limited to, short-term or medium-term
- 12 rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services,
- 13 including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or
- 14 utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case

15 management. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any
16 person who was discharged or released under conditions other than
17 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces as defined in
18 section 27-103 of the general statutes.

19 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

28 (7) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, or the commissioner's
29 designee; and

30 (8) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee.

31 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
32 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
33 of the General Assembly.

34 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
35 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
36 filled by the appointing authority.

37 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
38 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
39 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
40 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
41 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'
44 and military affairs shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a
46 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
47 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
48 relating to veterans' and military affairs and housing, in accordance
49 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task
50 force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
51 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 16.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

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Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2015)